

The International Cement Microscopy Association (ICMA) successfully held its 37th annual conference in Seattle, Washington, USA on May 3rd to the 7th, 2015. The conference featured presentations from cement and concrete chemists, petrographers, scientists, engineers, and managers from industrial, academic, consulting, and government institutions throughout the world. The presentation topics ranged from an adobe restoration of a Manila cathedral, to how raw meal composition affects clinker quality, and petrographic examinations of concrete and aggregates. There were two panel discussions, one on Rietveld quantitative x-ray diffraction of cement clinker and blended cements, and a second on microbial self healing concrete. Exhibiting vendors included Bruker, Beta-Diamond, Heraeus, the Saskatchewan Research Council, and PANalytical. Conference attendees and their spouses and guests enjoyed a half day tour of the concrete structures and landmarks in Seattle including the Space Needle, the Ballard Locks and fish ladder, and the floating bridges across Lake Washington. The spouse and guest committee also arranged more sightseeing and shopping activities in the area for those accompanying the attendees. For more information on the annual conference, for previous conference proceedings, or information on vendor exhibitions, please see our website www.cemmicro.org, or contact Arturo Nisperos, General Chairman at arturonisperos@nctv.com. We also have a Facebook page at: <http://tinyurl.com/29eo44x>